

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Through your love we are provided all we need. In gratitude for who you are and what you do, Lord Jesus, accept these gifts that others may likewise know your love. Amen.

PRAYER of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn HB 159: "What Child Is This?"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

If you are visiting today, we thank you for coming and hope you enjoy the "Welcome Packet" provided by our Church Greeter.

There is also a special "Welcome Packet" for children.

Please indicate your contact information in the black pew pad.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, light refreshments, and friendly conversation!



Childcare offered Sundays 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.

(There are no peanut products in the nursery.)

Junior Church for gr. K-5 next to nursery, after Sunday children's msg

(No junior church when congregation celebrates communion together!)

Youth Education Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm *(resumes in January)*

Adult Education on The Star of Bethlehem, Sunday 12/29

"Fruit of the Spirit" Resumes in January

Sundays 9:30am in Fellowship Hall & Wednesdays 6:30pm CE room

Chinese/English Bilingual Bible Study after worship in Berean Room

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What Good God is Doing at FPC!



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December 22, 2019

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310

Happy 4th week of Advent!



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Elder Assisting: Mat Mauger

Today's Musician: Megan Ladd

Nursery: Linda Flowers

Advent Candles: The Baird/Rawls Family

Junior Church: Linda Glenn, Susan Rawls, & Melissa Holland

Lord's Day Worship

December 22, 2019

Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during
Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

Please refer to "The Hymnbook" (HB) today.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP (Please sign & pass the black pew pads)

INTROIT

by FPC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Luke 1:68-70

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets long ago).

CANDLELIGHTING:

We light the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy to remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting hope, peace, and joy.

(Person lights the three Candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.)

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son named John. John spoke to the people about the One to come as a light in the darkness. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

(Person lights the Fourth Candle, the Candle of Love.)

**Please Stand if Able.*

*Hymn of Praise HB 21: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Unison*

We confess that rather than loving you with all of heart, mind, soul, and strength, in this busy season we focus more on other things. Forgive us, and help us, O Lord, whose Son demonstrates love is steadfast and enduring. Amen. *(Pause for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

by Tiffanie Chalfant-Hahn

(Please pick up children after worship from Jr Church next to nursery in lower level.)

CALL TO GOD'S WORD *Unison*

John 10:35 & Romans 4:3

"Scripture cannot be set aside. What does Scripture say?"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 4

O.T. pg. No. 378

Matthew 1:5-7, 17

N.T. pg. No. 1373

Luke 2:1-8

N.T. pg. 1459

SERMON:

"Who Loves You" *By The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

Response to God's Word

*Hymn of Response HB 171: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Unison*

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

PRAYER LIST:

WITH THE HOLIDAYS UPON US, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES THIS YEAR:

Prayers for young people in our church, community and families.
Karen Holland, (Robert's Mother) for rehab and healing;
Edith Smith, pray for strength in legs and ease of chronic pain;
Anthony Violi (Joyce Mathews' Dad) age 101, in Assisted Living;

Church Family & Friends with Cancer: Cindy Fleming (Celler's friend); Larry Francis (Goldstein's friend); Darrell Glenn (Marshall's brother); Jerry Joyner (De Spaulding's in-law); Laura L., (O'Toole's friend); Doris M. (O'Toole's Aunt); Michelle McCarthy (De's Family Member); David Metzger (Denise's brother); Diana Mock; Ann Parkinson (Pam's sister); Heath Robertson (veteran); Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother)

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers:

Connie & Victor DeRose, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Joan Mauger, Pat Morrison, Anne Nixon, Dale & Sally Seiberling

Safety of Members & Family Serving in Military: CPO John Vincent

Remaining DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

22 Owen Bowlby, Sarah Gundler, David Zeller
23 Jack Witt, Pat Landis, Marshall & Linda Glenn
26 Wyatt Nathan Harvell 28 Tabitha Boggs-Hernandez

Giving Totals for Sunday – Dec. 15 Deacons \$38 Poinsettias \$80
Special Gifts \$795 Plate: \$1,581.50

Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 plate offering weekly

Dec. 1: 71/\$4,733.50 Dec. 8: 71/\$1,999.50 Dec. 15: 61/\$1,581.50

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LAST WALL PEW IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY



Advent Preaching Series with "Special Biblical Guest"

12/1: Ruth 1 – Hope

12/8: Ruth 2 – Peace

12/15: Ruth 3 – Joy

12/22: Ruth 4 – Love

Advent sermon manuscripts can be found on the FPC website. Please contact the church office to request recording of worship service.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY: Sunday School for adults 9:30-10:30am FH;
Worship & Jr. Church, 10:45am with fellowship after
Chinese/English Bilingual Bible Study noon Berean rm

MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30pm basement activity room

WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30-8pm FH;

Started in January "Tween/Teen Youth Groups" – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Activity Room

Resuming in January, Bible Study: adults 6:30-7:30pm CE rm;

Resuming in January – Choir Rehearsal 7:30-8:30pm CE rm

THURSDAY: Session Mtg, 7pm CE rm – normally 2nd Th Each Month;

Next Session Meeting: Thurs, January 9 at 7pm with Confirmands

Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9pm FH (every other week)

FRIDAY: Brownie Troop, 6:30-8:30pm CE rm (every other week)

Please Note: Church Office is closed the week between Christmas & New Year!



Tuesday, December 24th, 7pm



Sunday, January 5th

Poinsettias In Memory Or In Honor of the Following:

*Judy Baird & Family:

Bruce J. Baird, Jay Baird and Lulu & Noel Baird

**Dan & Shirley Beckner:

Carl & Erma Beckner and Carter Coffey

*Mike & Janet Bernstein: *In Honor of God*

*Jim & Teri Charles: Friends & Family Who have passed

**Don & Leslie Crawford: Wayne & Belva Crawford and Louis & Arlene Farioli

*Jon & Karen Davis: *To the Honor & Glory of God*

*Mary Fickle: Bob Fickle

*Franklin & Betty Gieseck:

Winston Page, Marjorie Rensch and Larry Mock

*Fred & Linda Goldstein:

Billie & Bill Ritchey, Larry Ritchey, Fred "Doc"
Goldstein, Doug Crawford and Elena Fravel

*Robert & Melissa Holland: *In Honor of God*

*Curt & Fran Hungerford: Jack Schenz & Robin Schenz and Fravel & Hungerford Parents

*Karen Johnston: In Memory of brother, Bobby Lutz

*Sally Kean & Family: Bill Kean

**Tom Kimble: Alida "De" Kimble

*Denise Metzger-Kelling: Margie Kemp

*Richard & Nancy Lord: Our Parents

**Ken & Joyce Mathews: *In Honor of the Birth of Jesus Christ!*

*Jacob & Abby Mauger:

Harry & Patty Jo Mauger and Dale Wickline

*Diana Mock: Larry Mock

*David O'Toole: In Honor of Patrick O'Toole

*Rob & Susan Baird: Bruce J. Baird, Jay N. Baird, Lula Baird, Rev. Charlie Rawls, Lora Lee Rawls, Bernard Donaldson

**Jason & Beth Thornton: *In Honor of God*

“What did You Get From Christmas?”

By Martha Conaway

What did you get from Christmas?
Did it mean anything at all
That Jesus was born in Bethlehem
In a lowly cattle stall?

Did you get the fit of patience,
Joy, redemption and peace?
These are better than worldly things
These gifts from Christmas will never cease.

Did you get the gift of forgiveness
And love for one another?
No matter what our race or creed,
Each one is our brother.

God gave us the gift of love,
In Jesus, His only son,
When he sent him down to earth,
To bring salvation to every one.

Christmas is every day.
It never will depart,
If you have the love Jesus,
Deep within your heart!

